

Access in Waterbury, VT, it is important to reflect on how much one person can accomplish in serving others.

Paul has been on the forefront of significant and timely health care concerns. As Medicaid director, which is Vermont's second largest insurance program, Paul has ensured service for 130,000 people and helped Vermont obtain the distinction of having one of the lowest uninsured rates in the country. Under Paul's leadership, Vermont broadened its eligibility standards and was one of the first States in the country to expand Medicaid services to children under the Dr. Dynasaur program.

Paul began his career in Vermont as a social worker at the Brandon Training School. He quickly rose to leadership positions as a direct provider and then consultant in the field of mental health, followed by his position as the Chief Social Worker for the Vermont State Hospital. It came as no surprise to those of us who know Paul that he was selected in the mid-'80s to lead the State of Vermont's efforts in creating universal access to health care as the Executive Director of the Vermont Health Policy Council and through his work for the Vermont Health Care Authority. Also during the mid-'80s he spearheaded the creation of the Vermont Ethics Network, an organization dedicated to increasing the understanding of ethical issues, values and choices in health and health care.

Over the course of 40 years, Paul has been involved with virtually every health policy initiative in Vermont, particularly the State's efforts to expand health coverage. He is personally responsible for authoring Vermont's 1115 waiver, which over the years, and with many amendments, has provided more expansive and flexible Medicaid services to Vermonters. In his quiet unassuming way, Paul is an integral part of the health care delivery system in Vermont and has gained recognition for being a national health policy leader and mentor. He has always brought a steadfast commitment and institutional knowledge to solving the problem at hand while maintaining a vision for improving Vermont's health care system.

Paul's unwavering commitment toward improving the health status of Vermont and its citizens serves as a testament to us all. Vermont is truly indebted to him. His deep commitment to the citizens of the Green Mountain State has endeared him to us. He has our best wishes for the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the

United States submitting sundry nominations and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1533. An act to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts.

H.R. 1572. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnov United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1668. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Long Beach, California, as the "Stephen Horn Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 259) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. Wu of Oregon.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3740. A communication from the Members of the Independent Commission on Reform of the United States Olympic Committee, transferring, the Commission's report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3751. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program—Revised Final Standards for the Acceleration Simulation Mode Exhaust Emissions Test" (FRL#7544-7) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3752. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Control of Emissions from Existing Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste Incinerator Units; Arizona; Nevada" (FRL#7534-8) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3753. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Mexico: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL#7479-5) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3754. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL#7479-3) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3755. A communication from the Executive Vice President, River System Operations and Environment, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Construction in the Tennessee River System; Regulations of Structures; Residential Use on TVA-controlled Residential Access Shoreland and TVA Flowage Easement Shoreland" (RIN3316-AA19) received on September 2, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3756. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transferring, a report of an organizational change in the Commission's safeguards and security programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3757. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program" (FRL#7552-9) received on September 2, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3758. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Lime Products Manufacturing Plants" (FRL#7551-7) received on September 2, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3759. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL#7548) received on September 2, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3760. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental